

New Sturgeon Regulations

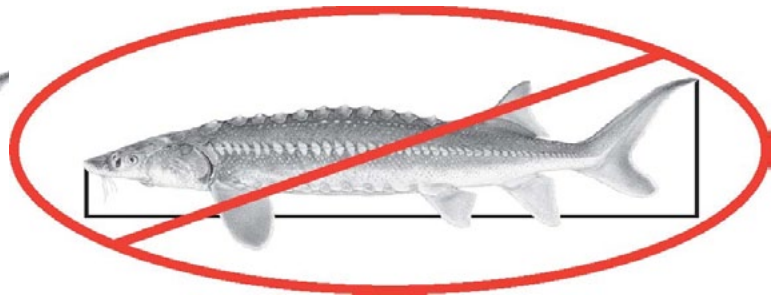
Effective Jan. 1, 2013

To protect threatened green sturgeon while allowing sturgeon fishing to continue in California waters, the Department of Fish and Game has new regulations for sturgeon anglers effective Jan. 1, 2013. Please note the following changes.

Legal size is 40 to 60 inches



New measurement method (fork length)



Old measurement method (total length)
Not legal in 2013

Size limit

Anglers may take or possess any legally caught white sturgeon between 40 and 60 inches. The fish must be measured from the nose to the tail fork. (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 5.80 and 27.90)

Methods of take

Only one single barbless hook may be used on a line when taking sturgeon. Use of a snare to assist in landing or killing any sturgeon is prohibited. A snare is a flexible loop made from any material that can be tightened like a noose around any part of the fish (CCR, Title 14, Sec. 5.80 and 27.90)

Removal from water

Any white sturgeon greater than 68 inches fork length **may not be removed** from the water and shall be released immediately. (CCR, Title 14, Sec. 5.80 and 27.90)

Green sturgeon may not be removed from the water and shall be released immediately. (CCR Title 14 Sections 5.81)

Season and regulation changes

It is unlawful to take any sturgeon from the Sacramento River between Keswick Dam to the Highway 162 Bridge in Shasta, Tehama and Glenn counties. (CCR, Title 14, Sec. 5.80, 5.81)

Sturgeon report cards

2013 Sturgeon Fishing Report Card Permit Fees are \$7.50, plus a 3 percent ALDS application fee and a 5 percent license agent fee, where applicable. (CCR, Title 14, Sec. 701)